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OCC-ENV-MED-L Digest for Monday, June 10, 2013.

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Subject: New and recent blog posts from OH-world.org
From: John Cherrie <john.cherrie@iom-world.org>
Date: Mon, 10 Jun 2013 08:45:48 +0100
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Is Scotland set to ban smoking in cars where children are present?
Jim Hume, Scottish Liberal Democrat Member of the Scottish Parliament (MSP), has launched a consultation on a ban on smoking in cars where children are present. Will this protect their health?
<http://johncherrie.blogspot.co.uk/2013/06/is-scotland-set-to-ban-smoking-in-cars.html>

The Occupational and Environmental Exposure of Skin to Chemicals Conference
Read about the paper presented by Fred Frasch, from the NIOSH on the analysis of dermal absorption data and how this has implications for exposure assessment.
<http://johncherrie.blogspot.co.uk/2013/06/occupational-and-environmental-exposure.html>

Join us in September at the Inhaled Particles Symposium (IPXI). Go to...
www.InhaledParticles.org

Check the blog using the sidebar view...
<http://johncherrie.blogspot.co.uk/?view=sidebar>

Other posts you may have missed...

Monitoring for Health Hazards at Work now for iPad and Kindle
Kindle price £35.62 and paperback £47.49 (including VAT)
<http://johncherrie.blogspot.com/2011/08/monitoring-for-health-hazards-at-work.html>

Parental use of pesticides and brain cancer risks in their children
Van Maele-Fabry and colleagues from have the Université catholique de Louvain carried out a review to investigate associations between brain cancer in kids and parental exposure to pesticides. Read about their results...
<http://johncherrie.blogspot.co.uk/2013/04/parental-use-of-pesticides-and-brain.html>

Doomed to fail?
The Scottish Government has announced ambitious plans for the country to become tobacco-free by 2034, and to achieve this they want to have less than five per cent the population smoking at that time.
<http://johncherrie.blogspot.co.uk/2013/03/doomed-to-fail.html>

Cadmium and the risk of breast cancer
A recently published study from a team in Japan describes an investigation of the association between breast cancer and cadmium exposures in women.
<http://johncherrie.blogspot.co.uk/2013/02/cadmium-and-risk-of-breast-cancer.html>

X2012 and exposure science

The X2012 conference, which was held in Edinburgh last July, aimed to cover all areas of human exposure assessment including the general environment, residential and consumer, along with occupational exposure. I gave a keynote at this meeting and the blog includes my slides with audio description.
<http://johncherrie.blogspot.co.uk/2013/03/x2012-and-exposure-science.html>

European regulators classify formaldehyde as a presumed carcinogen
The Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) of the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) has concluded that formaldehyde should be listed as a 'presumed human carcinogen' (Carc. 1b) based on laboratory animal evidence. This in contrast to the US National Toxicology Program's decision to classify formaldehyde as a known human carcinogen in its 12th Report on Carcinogens and by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC). IARC decided that '...formaldehyde is carcinogenic to humans, based on sufficient evidence in humans and in experimental animals.'
<http://johncherrie.blogspot.co.uk/2013/02/european-regulators-classify.html>

Breast cancer and work
Brophy and colleagues describe a case-control study of breast cancer in Ontario, Canada that links several occupations with increased risks. Is the study reliable? Read my views.
<http://johncherrie.blogspot.co.uk/2012/12/breast-cancer-and-work.html>

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Subject: re: Multi-disciplinary medically-based evaluation- Fitness for duty
From: Peter Rousmaniere <pr@rousmaniere.com>
Date: Mon, 10 Jun 2013 06:52:31 -0400
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I suggest you ask the employer how it envisions this program will help both its workers and the employer. I would ask how the fitness for duty evaluation results are to be applied by management.

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Subject: RE: Multi-disciplinary medically-based evaluation- Fitness for duty
From: "Hodgson, Michael - OSHA" <Hodgson.Michael@dol.gov>
Date: Mon, 10 Jun 2013 09:02:36 -0400
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I wonder whether we're not struggling with two separate issues here. The role of physicians includes managing illness and injury and recovery; approving work in some fields, such as police and firefighters and ability to perform; and evaluating causal relationships. Performance testing, for example in wildland firefighting, etc, meanwhile often tries to simulate the activities of work in a more realistic fashion. Those who deal with firefighters mostly have run into the City of Austin performance testing, where firefighters go through six critical elements of a typical fire evolution (climbing flights of steps with a charged hose line in turnout gear; obstacle crawling, etc) in turn-out gear not as medical testing but as a performance demonstration under supervision of their fire chief and training officer - of course after clearance by a physician that they are not at risk from heart disease. Separating out medical clearance, in a narrow way, from performance review, whether someone can do their job, may require onsite review and supervision and direct observation of how they work. This obviously only complements something like the voluntary fitness program from NFPA 1583.

Would it be reasonable to do an exam, identify whether there are medical issues, and then jointly observe the worker doing the work? Jointly being inviting the physician on-site and observing with the shift supervisor or the employee's direct supervisor or someone from management?

That strikes me as a far more open, transparent, solutions-oriented approach...

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Of course my views only; this post generates no new rules, enforcement opportunities, standards, or obligations for employers

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Subject: Job posting_The World Bank_Washington DC
From: agselod@worldbank.org
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The World Bank Group is looking for a part time Country Health Specialist with a nursing degree, based in Washington DC. Deadline has been extended until June 28, 2013.

Please see announcement below. For additional details, feel free to directly contact Megan Kremzier at _mkremzier@worldbank.org[1]

Thank you!

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The World Bank
Washington DC

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- (1) Provide coordination and management of medical evacuations for staff and dependents
- (2) Provide advice to World Bank Group staff/families based in the field on health related matters
- (3) Perform Medical Duty Officer responsibilities on rotating basis to manage after hours emergencies
- (4) Provide coordination of care for severe chronic cases of staff and dependents located in the field
- (5) Monitor and evaluate program by participating in data analysis and identification of actionable items

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Qualifications required:

• Advanced degree (Nurse Practitioner, Masters in Nursing, Masters in Public Health) in Nursing from an accredited school, or equivalent professional credentials combined with relevant education and experience.

• Ten or more years relevant work experience.

• Valid and current Registered Nurse or Advanced Practice licensure in DC, MD or VA.

• Experience working overseas and fluency in French are a plus.

• Discretion and tact in dealing with highly confidential and sensitive medical information.

• Thorough knowledge and use of computer office technology such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

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Instructions for application:

Submit curriculum vitae, 3 references contacts and letter of interest to Megan Kremzier at _mkremzier@worldbank.org_[4] by June 28th, 2013.

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